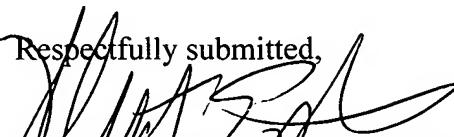


**REMARKS**

Claims 11 and 13-19 have been allowed. Claim 20 has been canceled. This case is now believed to be in condition for allowance and early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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